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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted following submission of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on June 27, 2003. Applicants respectfully request amendment and reconsideration of the patent application. The Examiner is invited to call Applicants' Representative to discuss any issues with this Application.

The RCE was submitted in response to the Advisory Action dated June 4, 2003 and the final Office Action dated January 27, 2003. Applicants believe no fees are due for this Amendment, including time extensions fees, because a complete response to the final Office Action was submitted with the RCE. However, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any fees required for this Amendment, including any time extension fees, and consider this a petition for time extension, if necessary.

This Amendment is submitted in the revised format now permitted for amendments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Listing of Claims begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Amendment.